Worksheet 5: creating a class, writing a main program

For lab session 1.

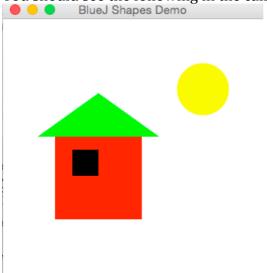
General Steps (hopefully everyone can get first 2 sections done)

Creating a class

- 1. Open the shapes BlueJ example project
- 2. Open the file Picture.txt (you will need this code in a moment).
- 3. Create a new class called Picture (Capitals are important)
- 4. Double click on the class symbol to open a code editor. Delete all its code and replace it with Picture.txt
- 5. Compile Picture
- 6. Reposition the Picture class box in the design tool so that it doesn't overlap any other classes.
- 7. In the code pad type:

Picture p=new Picture();
p.draw();

You should see the following in the canvas:



- 8. Try a few extra method calls for Picture objects.
- 9. Inspect the object. Unfortunately, to use inspect you will need to create a Picture object in the Object bench.
- 10. Look at the code carefully.

Running a main program

- 11. Open the file Test.txt (you will need this code in a moment).
- 12. Create a new class called Test (Capitals are important).
- 13. Delete all its code and replace with Test.txt.
- 14. Compile Test.
- 15. Run its main method by right clicking on the class and selecting an appropriate method (check the slides or code).

- 16. Look at the code carefully note that it 'runs' instructions just like code pad did when you typed them in.
- 17. Modify the code to create and draw a Picture object you just change the stuff between the innermost { and }

Creating your own class (if time)

- 18. Create your own Cartoon class. Use Picture and the code you used in worksheet 2 to create a Cartoon class.
- 19. Compile.
- 20. Test your class in a main program by modifying Test class.
- 21. Try writing a few more methods for Cartoon that use parameters you are out on the edge here but some of you should be able to do it.